



CITIZEN QUESTIONNAIRE

Updating the North Carolina Historic Preservation Plan

The State Historic Preservation Office is updating *Legacy, North Carolina's Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan*, which serves as the state's statement of public policy for historic preservation. The plan will assess the current status of historic resources and preservation efforts in North Carolina, examine needs and issues affecting preservation, and articulate goals and objectives to serve as a general guide for the continued preservation of the state's historic resources over the next five years. To generate broadly based participation in developing the plan, we are distributing this questionnaire to the general public and a range of public officials, local governments, and preservation organizations. Your input will help set goals, define priorities, and ensure that the plan will be effective. Please participate by completing this questionnaire and returning it by **January 15, 2005, to the North Carolina Historic Preservation Office, 4617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4617, or fax it to 919-733-8653.**

1. What best describes your role in historic preservation? (Circle no more than three.)

Archaeological organization	Heritage tourism affiliate	Non-profit historic society or
Developer	Historic property owner	preservation organization
Economic development organization	Interested citizen	Professional or consultant
Educator	Local government official or staff	State government official or staff
Federal government official or staff	Local preservation commission	Volunteer

2. In what region do you live?

Eastern	Piedmont	Western
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3. What resources are most important for North Carolina to preserve? (Circle your top five.)

Archaeological resources	Houses	Residential neighborhoods
Battlefields	Industrial buildings for reuse	Rural landscapes/farms
Churches	Main Street/downtowns	Scenic landscapes
Civic/public spaces	Museums	Stories of our past
Cultural landscapes	Parks/urban open space	Transportation related
Cultural sites	Post World War II	Written history/records
Ethnic resources	Public buildings (schools, city halls)	Other:

4. What are historic preservation's greatest values to society? (Circle your top five.)

Aesthetic value	Provides jobs	Revitalizes neighborhoods
Builds positive societal relationships	Provides sense of place	Sentimental value
Engine for heritage tourism	Reconnects us to community	Spurs economic development
Increases understanding of history	Revitalizes downtowns	Other:

5. What are the greatest threats to preserving our heritage and quality of life? (Circle your top five.)

Demolition, neglect, or abandonment of historic resources
Growth and development pressures, sprawl
Improper rehabilitation or alteration of historic resources
Insensitive new construction in or near historic districts and properties
Institutional expansions (universities, hospitals, churches)
Lack of appreciation of historic resources by local officials
Lack of appreciation of historic resources by the public
Lack of coordination with other land conservation activities
Lack of economic incentives for private rehabilitation activities

Lack of enforcement of existing local preservation laws
Lack of local leadership
Lack of local preservation laws and planning
Lack of public education or information about historic resources
Lack of stewardship of publicly owned or non-profit owned resources
Property rights issues
Road/highway building
Vandalism or looting of historic and archaeological sites
Other:

6. What are the most effective tools for preserving historic resources? (Circle your top five.)

Archaeology resource surveys
Covenants
Easements
Funding assistance from the State Historic Preservation Office
Heritage tourism
Historic resource surveys
Local funding and incentive programs
Local historic preservation ordinances
Local landmark and district designation

National Register listing
Preservation related workshops
Publications about local historic resources
Rehabilitation tax credits
Review of state and federal projects for impact on historic resources
Technical assistance from organizations other than State Historic Preservation Office
Technical assistance from State Historic Preservation Office
Other:

7. What does North Carolina need to do to protect its historic resources better and advance preservation values? (Circle your top five.)

Enact stronger state and local historic preservation laws
Enforce existing local preservation laws
Provide economic development incentives or programs that encourage preservation
Provide increased access to information via the Internet
Provide increased funding for local preservation projects by local governments and non-profits
Provide increased incentives for private rehabilitation/conservation ventures
Provide training/education opportunities for public officials and the general public
Support history museums
Support local resource surveys and preservation plans
Other:

8. What do you think are the most important ways the State Historic Preservation Office can improve its role in your community, region, and the state?

(Optional) Your name and contact information: _____